Investment in Affordable Housing 2011-2014, 2014-2019
Annual Public Reporting on Outcomes
2014-2015

Background:

On December 20, 2011, the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories announced a combined investment of $11 million under a new affordable housing agreement over three years. The Investment in Affordable Housing for 2011-2014 provides provinces and territories with more flexibility in determining local needs and priorities and in designing and delivering programs.

This agreement provides the NWT with $1,840,000 provided by the federal government through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) in each of the three years. It is matched by the NWT, through the Northwest Territories Housing Corporation (NWTHC) for a total annual budget of $3,680,000.

On January 30, 2015, The Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories signed a 5-year extension of the Investment in Affordable Housing Agreement (IAH) for 2014-2019 representing $9.2 million from Canada and a cost-matched $9.2 from the NWT for a total investment of $18.4 million.

Goals:

The NWTHC's primary goals under the Investment in Affordable Housing are to improve and preserve the quality of affordable housing and to support vulnerable households in accessing safe and affordable housing. These goals reflect the larger objective of the agreement in improving access to affordable, sound, suitable, and sustainable housing for households in need.

Outcomes and Indicators:

For the year 2014-2015, the NWTHC identified 97 units for funding under the agreement. These projects were comprised of 85 private housing units across the NWT, and repairs to a 12-unit family support shelter in Hay River.

Apprentices:

The NWTHC supports the development of qualified trade workers in NWT communities through the hiring and training of apprentices at our Local Housing Organizations. (LHOs).

In 2014-2015, three apprentices were journey certified bringing the total of journey certified apprentices to 12 since 2007.

CARE Projects:

The 2014/2015 funding provided through this Agreement helped fund 78 projects/units under the Contributing Assistance for Repairs and Enhancements (CARE) program. In terms of cumulative delivery 325 households have been assisted under this Agreement. Private household repairs and renovations were completed in 20 communities across the NWT. These projects cost between $2,450 and $90,000 per unit and were utilized to improve the quality of housing in our communities. Overall project funding for CARE utilizing this funding totaled $3,541,152.

PATH Projects:

The Providing Assistance Towards Homeownership (PATH) program provides homeownership assistance to NWT residents to build or purchase a modest home. Seven individuals in 4 communities across the NWT were supported with these. These projects cost between $6,550 and $44,000 per applicant for a total $98,624 in financial supports.

Shelter Project:

As part of the Investment in Affordable Housing for 2014-2015, the NWTHC and CMHC also provided funding assistance of $32,362 to the 12-bed Family Support Centre in Hay River. The funds were used to replace the roof and upgrade the electrical system. This Centre offers in house support for women and children, one to one counselling to clients and referrals to other helpful agencies in the community

2014-2015 Summary:

Distribution	Project Costs ($)	Units	Seniors	Disabled	VOFV* Support
Yellowknife	388,761	13	9	2	-
Regional Centres	651,298	30	14	4	12
Rest of Communities	2,431,637	54	34	3	-
Administration	208,304				
Total	**3,680,000**	**97**	**66**	**9**	**12**

* Victims of Family Violence

NWTHC: $1,840,000
CMHC: $1,840,000
Total: $3,680,000

2011-2015 Summary:

Distribution	Project Costs ($)	Units	Seniors	Disabled	VOFV* Support
Yellowknife	1,754,997	86	16	9	50
Regional Centres	4,448,813	123	57	12	16
Rest of Communities	7,788,233	194	101	15	-
Administration	727,740				
Total	**14,720,000**	**403**	**174**	**36**	**66**

NWTHC: $7,360,000
CMHC: $7,360,000
Total: $14,720,000